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In re Application of  
Carlson et al.  
Application No. 10/027,949  
Filed: December 21, 2001  
Title: Self-Adhering Friction Reducing Liner  
and Method of Use

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment, filed November 14, 2006.

The petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment is **GRANTED**.

This above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file an Appeal Brief. A Pre-Brief Conference Decision was mailed on August 1, 2006. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed October 31, 2006.

Pursuant to the OG Notice of July 12, 2005 "New Pre-Appeal Brief Conference Pilot Program" paragraph 7, "the time period for filing an appeal brief will be reset to be one month from the mailing of the decision on the request, or the balance of the two-month time period running from the receipt of the notice of appeal, whichever is greater. Further the time period for filing the appeal brief is extendible under 37 CFR 1.136 based upon the mail date of the decision on the request or the receipt date of the notice of appeal, as applicable.

Thus the abandonment of the application was premature. In light of petitioner's submission of a continuing application, this application is again abandoned in favor of application no. 11/590,638.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3215.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charlema R. Grant", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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